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SUBJECT: BELGIAN PROPOSAL ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES

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1. IN ADDITION TO POINTS MADE PARA 8 REF (B), DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT URGENT REQUEST TO ILC FOR DRAFT CONVENTION ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE FOR SUBSTANTIVE REASONS.

2. IN FIRST PLACE, ILC HAS RECENTLY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT DISRUPTION OF ITS WORK AS RESULT OF URGENT REQUESTS FOR WORK ON VARIETY OF ISSUES. SUCH REQUESTS PUT THE COMMISSION UNDER GREAT DEAL OF TIME PRESSURE AND DO NOT
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PROVIDE ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY TO SOLICIT AND CONSIDER COM-

MENTS OF GOVERNMENTS IN DEVELOPING DRAFT INSTRUMENTS. IN ADDITION, THEY INTERFERE WITH COMMISSION'S EFFORTS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS OF LONGER TERM INTEREST, SUCH AS THE PROBLEM OF STATE RESPONSIBILITY AND STATE SUCCESSION CURRENTLY BEFORE IT.

3. SECOND, PARTICULARLY WHERE THERE IS OMISSION OF STEP OF OBTAINING COMMENTS OF GOVERNMENTS ON A DRAFT, AS IS IMPLICIT IN TIMETABLE OF PROPOSED BELGIAN RESOLUTION (PARA 3 REF (B)), COMMISSION IS IN VERY POOR POSITION TO ACHIEVE THE KIND OF POLITICAL BALANCING WHICH IS NECESSARY TO DEVELOP WIDELY ACCEPTABLE DRAFT INSTRUMENT IN THIS AREA.

WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS DESIRABLE TO BURDEN THE COMMISSION WITH ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH WILL IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS HAVE TO BE RESOLVED THROUGH A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION IN ANY CASE. ROGERS

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